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State Treasurer Dean Martin Honors Heroes of 9/11 Arizona Steps Forward in America's Freedom Walk

(STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX) – State Treasurer Dean Martin joins Operation Homefront of Arizona in a national tribute to honor the heroes of 9/11 with the *America Supports You* Freedom Walk. State Treasurer Dean Martin will be one of several honored speakers at the opening ceremonies at Steele Indian School Park at 6:30 p.m.

Arizona 2007 Freedom Walk

Operation Homefront of Arizona

September 11, 2007

5:30 p.m. Sign-in

6:30 p.m. Opening Program

Walk begins following the Program

Steele Indian School Park

300 East Indian School Road

Phoenix, AZ 85012

Guest Speakers

Donna Killoughey-Bird, Widow of Gary Bird who lost his life in the WTC

Rear Adm. Bill Putnam (ret.)-USAA Sr. VP

State Treasurer Dean Martin

Gen. Richard Maxon, Interim Acting Dir. AZ Veteran Services

DEMA Director Ed Flinn

Firefighter Billy Shields

Dr. Scott Silberman, Professor of Psychology CGCC

Pastor John Herman will give the invocation

Singer Jessica Schall, *National Anthem* and *God Bless America*

The USMC Color Guard will post colors

Treasurer Martin will pay tribute to the many heroes who gave their lives on 9/11 and their families, and to honor America's veterans for their daily commitment to securing our treasured freedoms.

The Freedom Walk began in 2005 when U.S. Pentagon employees desired to commemorate the attack on the Pentagon and remember the precious lives lost on September 11, 2001. As a result, an overwhelming 15,000 participants walked from the National Mall to the Pentagon on September 11, 2005 during the first organized walk. Today, the Freedom Walk is a national tradition and continues in communities all across the United States. The Arizona Freedom Walk is a non-partisan and non-political event.

America Supports You is a U.S. Department of Defense program recognizing citizens' support for our military and communicating that support to members of our Armed Forces and their families, at home and abroad. The program's homefront groups have organized Freedom Walks in every state in the Union and in over 130 cities across the nation. For more information about the program, visit: www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil

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